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MCC's eco-friendly biogas cremation plan hits hurdle

▶ Manchegowdanakoppal biogas plant to be relocated to Vidyaranyapuram

▶ Harishchandra Ghat plant at Chamundi foothill to be fully operational soon

Mysuru, May 20 (BLU&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) eco-friendly initiative to install compressed biogas plants at crematoriums has hit a roadblock, as residents of Manchegowdanakoppal have strongly opposed the plant near their locality, citing its proximity to a densely populated residential area.

Faced with mounting pressure, the MCC has decided to relocate the biogas plant from Manchegowdanakoppal to the Sewage Farm at Vidyaranyapuram. There, it will be repurposed to generate electricity using biogas, but will not be used for cremation purposes.

The MCC had established two compressed biogas plants — one at Harishchandra Ghat at the foot of Chamundi Hill and another at the Manchegowdanakoppal burial ground near the CITB Choultry.

The biogas plant installed at Manchegowdanakoppal crematorium which will be shifted to Vidyaranyapuram following opposition by residents.

Each plant, costing Rs. 98 lakh, is designed to convert biodegradable waste into compressed biogas, offering a cleaner energy source for cremations.

Greeneria, a Bengaluru-based company, was awarded the tender to set up both plants. While the Harishchandra Ghat plant is now operational and already producing biogas from organic waste, the project at Manchegowdanakoppal has stalled due to sustained local opposition.

(See BIOGAS on page 7)

Monsoon alert: DC calls for swift flood response

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy chairing a meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority at his office this morning to issue monsoon preparedness directives.

Mysuru, May 20 (BCT)- With the onset of the monsoon season, the Mysuru district is expected to receive heavy rainfall, increasing the risk of weather-related damage. In response, Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has directed officials to take all necessary precautionary measures to mitigate potential impacts.

Chairing a meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority at his office today, the DC emphasised the importance of preparedness and rapid response to ensure public safety.

Mysuru experienced continuous rainfall from Sunday night through Monday morning, leading to fallen trees and power disruptions in several areas. The city has been witnessing consistent rainfall for the past 15 days.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast good rainfall this year. In view of this, Tahsildars have been instructed to convene meetings with taluk-level officials to assess possible crop damage due to excessive rain.

If losses occur, officials from the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments must submit crop damage reports within a week.

For weather-related property damage, officials have been told to conduct field assessments and prepare accurate reports to ensure timely disbursal of compensation to affected residents. Relief funds are available in the Personal Deposits (PD) account, and swift action has been mandated.

(See DC on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 20th May 2025

Apply online for Anganwadi workers and helpers posts

Mysuru, May 20- The Department of Women and Child Development has invited online applications from eligible women candidates for appointment to 68 vacant posts of Anganwadi workers and 251 vacant posts of Anganwadi helpers in Mysuru district.

The minimum qualification for Anganwadi workers is a pass in II PUC and that for Anganwadi helpers is a pass in SSLC, with Kannada as the first or second language.

The candidates must be in the age group of 19 to 35 years. However, the upper age limit is relaxable by 10 years in the case of physically challenged candidates.

The online application involves four steps and the candidates are asked to carefully fill up the application forms.

The applications can be submitted through *https://karnemakaone.kar.nic.in/abcd/* and the last date for applying along with necessary records is June 15.

For details, contact the office of the Child Development Project Officer on Ph: 08227- 261267, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE SIMPLE JOYS OF HUMAN CONNECTION: *Hallu eddare kadale ella, kadale eddare, hallu ella,* ***a popular saying in Kannada, when translated in English roughly means 'those who have teeth don't have the grams to relish, those who have grams don't have the teeth to chew them!'***

The full implication of this saying was brought home to me recently during one of my periodic visits to a deserving group of friends, neighbours, acquaintances — deserving because most of them are not acquainted with modern virtual interactions and crave personal relationships yet health issues, distances, age and inconveniences come in their way. Hence these visits that this group cherishes have turned into a moral duty for me.

Each one in this group had a tale of his or her own to relate and problems to convey; some did it vocally, others, silently. But ironically enough, each tale and problem was different from the rest! Naturally, the solutions to their problems and emerging needs were as varied as the problems themselves !

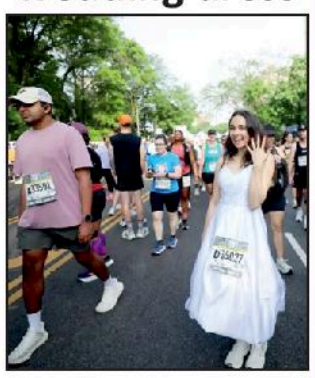
I got acquainted with an elderly couple in the park whose sole aim of coming there was socialising. They coaxed people to sit with them and chat (much to the displeasure of health freaks as it ate into their walking time) and often even accompanied them to their flat to spend time over snacks and coffee. Small parting gifts as gestures of thanks for the good time spent were not uncommon. What they needed was just human company.

A jar of pickle or a pack of snacks from someone to pep up the simple meal she dishes up and the tea she brews is a God-sent for my elderly neighbour. A call is enough to brighten up my house-bound college friend's day. His tech-savvy nephew's presence is all that my next door elderly uncle needs while dealing with his online communication to instil a sense of security. Just a non-judgemental listening ear adds a lot of cheer and relief to most.

Going back to the beginning sentence of the Kannada saying, let us ask ourselves "if it is not in our hands to help people grow teeth to relish the gram, can't we boil the gram to make it easy for them?; is a handful of gram so costly as not to be parted with for the one who craves them?" *— Snehlatha Baliga in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman runs marathon in wedding dress



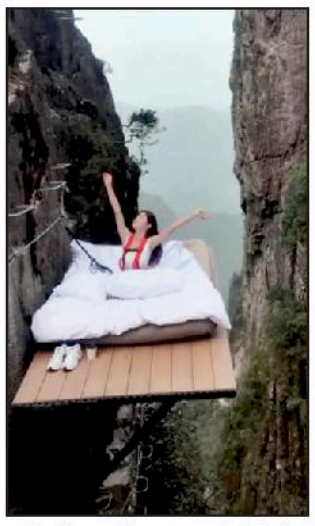
Brooklyn: An entrant in Brooklyn Half Marathon was seen running in a wedding gown — but she wasn't bolting from the altar, she was on the hunt for a husband.

"My husband might be at the finish line," Tess Tregellas, the 28-year-old Brooklynite blushed in a video captured before the event began.

"No proposals from any man. Honestly, I think I scare men away. But women love it and that's really what it's for — to encourage women that you can be a bride any day of your life!" she quipped.

But Tregellas, who is a comedian, did manage to bring a whole lot of love to the half marathon.

Tourists sleep on 320-ft cliff suspension



Beijing: An acrophobia-inducing attraction in China is taking relaxing to new heights by allowing lazy daredevils to lounge in a bed situated on the edge of an over 320-ft. cliff, as seen in a viral video.

Located in Mangshan National Forest Park in Chenzhou, the Cliff Bed Experience was launched to — somewhat paradoxically — relax and forget about the world.

Participants must also be between 14-60 while anyone between 14-18 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The attraction is also off limits to those who weigh more than 220 pounds or are shorter than 4.6 ft.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G, Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

****Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Calling meritorious students

Mysuru, May 20- **Jana Chaithanya Foundation,** having office at Buddha Bhavan, behind T.S. Subbanna Sarvajanika Hostel, opposite D.G.T.M School, 4th Main Road, Vidyaranyapuram, has invited applications from meritorious students who have scored more than 80 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2024-25), for presentation of 'Chaitanya' Pratibha Puraskar.

Last date for applying along with the required documents is May 25. For details, contact Mob: 92435-06024 or 99728-65037, according to a press release.

Karnataka State SC/ST Primary, Middle School Teachers Welfare Association, Bengaluru, has invited applications from children of Mysuru Taluk Government Primary School Teachers who have secured 85% and above marks in SSLC and II PUC exams 2024-25 to present Pratibha Puraskar. Last date to apply is May 31.

For details, contact Mob: 99864-85831 or 77605-17374.

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- ***The glassfrogs of tropical America have probably come closer than any animal to developing an invisibility cloak. And new research reveals the lengths to which these remarkable amphibians go to perfect the illusion.***
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- ***The clay robber frog in Amazonian Brazil is not as silent as it appears. It has been reported as screaming very loudly to put off potential predators — but it's one that we humans can't naturally hear.***

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.51
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VOICE OF THE READER

Residents of Bannimantap facing acute water shortage

Sir,

We would like to bring to the notice of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the local MLA, and the Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) authorities that residents of Bannimantap Extension, opposite the KSRTC Depot, have been facing acute water shortage for the past two years.

The water supply in our area has been extremely poor, making daily life miserable. Often, the water supply is so scarce that it is insufficient even for basic needs such as cooking, washing and cleaning.

Sometimes, water is supplied for just half an hour, and on other days, we are forced to wait the entire day for even a trickle from the tap.

It is disheartening that despite being regular tax-payers, the residents of Bannimantap Extension are denied their rightful share of this essential resource.

Although a new pipeline was laid over a year ago, individual connections have still not been provided. There is no main pipeline in our locality, and we are currently dependent on a connection from behind St. Joseph's Convent — over 450 metres away — which makes it even harder to receive a regular supply.

We sincerely hope the MCC Commissioner will instruct the VVWW authorities to take urgent and necessary action to resolve this long-pending issue.

—Sajjad Ali Shah
on behalf of residents
Bannimantap
19.5.2025

Govt. orders closure of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Government Hospitals

Bengaluru, May 20 (DM)- Dealing a blow to Jan Aushadhi Kendras, the State Government has ordered closure of all Jan Aushadhi Kendras functioning from Government Hospital premises.

The order issued in this regard by the Under-Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department, P.K. Sripathi said that, however, the order is not applicable to Jan Aushadhi Kendras located outside the Government Hospitals, as they do not come under the purview of the Health and Family Welfare Department.

The order said that the agreements entered into by the Health Department with Jan Aushadhi Kendras functioning from Government Hospital premises will stand terminated.

As an alternative, the Health Department has directed the KSMSCL (Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited) to seek the BPPI (Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India) special prices for drugs. Accordingly, the Hospitals can purchase drugs directly from BPPI and distribute them for free to patients.

The Government order further said that the establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Government Hospital premises goes against the State Government policy as the doctors are not allowed to recommend the patients for purchase of any prescribed drugs from outside.

Entries invited from MIS Consultants

Mysuru, May 20- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) has invited applications from qualified candidates for appointment as **District MIS (Management Information Systems) Consultants** on contract basis.

Candidates with M.Sc (Statistics), MCA, M.Sc (Computer Science) or B.E. in Computer Science from a recognised University and having experience in Data Management or Data Research, preferably in Development Sectors, can apply before June 2. Selected candidates will be paid a monthly consultation fee of Rs. 25,000 - Rs.30,000. For details, contact Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Hinkal, Hunsur, Mysuru.

Visits to various Museums mark International Museum Day

Mysuru, May 20 (BLU, BS & VNS)- On account of International Museum Day celebrations, the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums had organised a special event 'Museum on Wheels' where participants visited various museums across Mysuru city on Sunday (May 18).

The event, under the theme 'The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities,' was inaugurated by Department Commissioner A. Devaraju at Wellington Government Museum and Art Gallery on Irwin Road.

Speaking on the occasion, Devaraju deliberated about the history and importance of museums. About 150 participants including children, general public, senior citizens, school and college students from Mysuru, Mandya and Hassan districts, were taken around Wellington Museum where they were shown various artefacts, Mysore style paintings, Tanjore style paintings, Indian contemporary paintings, Mysore Royal Family and Palace artistes' paintings.

The participants were also introduced to various tribal cultures and customs.

Later, they visited Payana (car museum near Srirangapatna), Regional Museum of Natural History in Siddarthanagar and Railway Museum on KRS Road.

In-charge Deputy Director of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department Dr. C.N. Manjula, Heritage Conservation Engineer T. Tharakesh, in-charge Assistant Director Sunil Kumar and in-charge State Gazetted Assistant D. Manjunath were present.

EkDeshEkDhadkan at Anthropological Museum

Under the Ministry of Culture's unifying initiative, *EkDeshEkDhadkan* (One Nation, One Heartbeat), the Zonal Anthropological Museum, Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, KSTRI, Mysuru, had organised a vibrant storytelling session to commemorate International Museum Day on May 18.

The event brought together ex-servicemen and tribal community leaders from Karnataka, who shared challenging stories from their personal and community experiences. These narratives showcased the resilience and cultural richness of diverse communities in the State.

To honour their contributions, the Anthropological Survey of India felicitated the participants with mementos, recognising their courage and heritage.

The event was inaugurated with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by tribal leaders, Dr. Harasawardhana (Deputy Director) and Dr. Krishnamurthy (Research Officer, KSTRI).

The programme concluded with a captivating Marikunitha dance performance by the Soliga tribal group, highlighting Karnataka's vibrant tribal traditions.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Due to 1st quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Jayapura Power Transmission Centre, there will be disruption in power supply in the following villages of Mysuru taluk from 10 am to 6 pm tomorrow (May 21): Villages coming under Jayapura Gram Panchayat (GP), Marballi GP, Gopalapura GP, Udbur GP, Dhanagalli GP and Harohalli GP.

Postponed

The meeting organised by Karnataka Lokayukta to hear public complaints and grievances at T. Narasipur Taluk Panchayat Office tomorrow (May 21), has been postponed to May 23 from 11 am to 1 pm. The members of the public can file complaints against Government servants in case of undue or intentional delay in delivery of services, bribery etc.

Vegan awareness

As part of 108 simultaneous vegetarian rallies, Pyramid Spiritual Societies Movement (PSSM), Mysuru, in association with Vishwamitra Light Foundation, has organised a mega vegetarian awareness rally under the guidance of Brahmarshi Pitamaha Patriji in city on May 25 from 10 am to 1 pm. The rally starts from Dasappa Circle and culminates at Hardinge Circle.

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TODAY'S MATCH
MAY 20

CSK Vs **RR**
Arun Jaitely Stadium, Delhi, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH
MAY 21

MI Vs **DC**
Wankhede Cricket Stadium, Mumbai, **7.30 pm**

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BJP flaunts 'charge sheet' mocking 'achievement' of Congress Govt.

***Former Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan** (6th from left), along with City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra, Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra and other leaders, releasing the 'charge sheet' at the BJP office in city yesterday.*

Mysuru, May 20 (BLU&BS)- As the State Congress Government flexed its muscles with Samarpane Sankalpa, a mega convention to highlight its achievements to mark two years in office at Hospet in Vijayanagar district today, the main Opposition party BJP has released a 'charge sheet' to highlight the bane of the Government.

The charge sheet was released by former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, along with City BJP President and former MLA L. Nagendra, Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra and other leaders, at the City BJP office yesterday.

The charge sheet titled *'Dubari Jeevana-Abhivrudhi Shoonya' - Iduve Congress Sarkarada Sadhane'* (Costly Living - Zero Development - This is Congress Government's achievement), in a sarcastic manner, underlined the travails faced by the people due to inflation, corruption and other anti-people policies.

In his address, Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, in a mocking tone, said: "Don't know why the Government is holding the convention at the cost of the people, who have been pushed to the streets. Barring Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his Cabinet colleagues, who are living comfortably, the same cannot be said about the common man."

"This is 60% Commission Government, with swindling money being the thumb rule in every department. The multi-crore scams have been reported in Mysuru Development Authority (earlier Mysuru Urban Development Authority) and Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited, with the perpetrators buying a swanky car," alleged Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

The patients are left in lurch due to dearth of medicines at the Government Hospitals and a big scam has been unravelled in the distribution of kits at the Department of Labour. The contractors are awaiting clearance of pending Rs. 60,000 crore arrears, with the authorities harassing them with unwarranted delay in making the payment. None of the Ministers in Siddaramaiah's Cabinet are honest, who are adept at engaging in corrupt practices, charged Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

The rioters are protected and the traitors who plant bombs are given clean chit as innocents by this Government, which practices politics even among the dead, rued Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

"It has become a practice to flaunt a copy of the Constitution, but without any clarity about whether it is a draft of the Constitution or any religious scripture," said Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, making a oblique reference to Opposition Leader in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

Former Mayor Shivakumar, BJP OBC Morcha Mysuru District Unit Vice-President Jogi Manju, City BJP General Secretaries Cable Mahesh and Giridhar, City BJP Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, leader Dr. H.V. Shushrutha Gowda and Media Convener M.S. Mahesh Raje Urs were present.

Former MP lashes out at Guarantee Schemes

BJP leaders releasing a poster highlighting the failure of the Congress Government in the past two years, at a press meet in Madikeri yesterday.

Madikeri, May 20- Even as the ruling Congress Government was gearing up for its 'Sadhana Samavesha' convention at Hospet marking its second anniversary today, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has accused the State Government of excessive borrowing, leading to financial instability while implementing its Guarantee Schemes.

Speaking to reporters at Madikeri yesterday, Simha contended that the State was unable to purchase rice for distribution under the 'Anna Bhagya' Scheme.

"There has been substantial delays in the payment of Rs. 2,000 a month to beneficiaries of 'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme, while the dole to unemployed Graduates under the 'Yuva Nidhi' Scheme is long pending. The 'Shakti' Scheme has driven the KSRTC to financial troubles, which was affecting vehicle maintenance and payment of staff salaries," he maintained.

Charging the Congress Government of driving the State to the brink of bankruptcy, Simha said that the Government's indiscreet borrowings, has put a financial burden of Rs. 12,000 on every resident of the State.

Former MLA Appachu Ranjan criticised the discontinuance of farmer assistance schemes and other welfare schemes introduced by the previous BJP Government in the State. He also questioned the achievements of the two Congress MLAs of Kodagu district in the past two years.

Former Assembly Speaker K.G. Bopaiah alleged that there was a lack of transparency in financial expenditure and management. The Law and Order situation has crumbled in the State due to poor administration, he contended. A poster highlighting the failure of the Congress Government in the past two years, was released on the occasion.

Kodagu District BJP President Napanda Ravi Kalappa, leaders Mahesh Jaini, Nellira Chalan and others were present.

Bhagavad Gita Parayana for soldiers' welfare

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Mysuru, distributed gold medal and certificate to 6-year-old Poorvanch Datta and Sisla Srihita, who have passed Bhagavad Gita Examination conducted by International Gita Foundation and Datta Peetham in Distinction, at Nada Mantapa in Ganapathy Ashram premises on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road in city on Sunday. Also, 79-year-old Bhramarambha and Sujata received medals and certificates from Sri Swamiji. On the occasion, Sri Ganapathy Swamiji offered a special puja by reciting Gita for the welfare of our soldiers.

Rain fury adds to civic worry

A manhole connected to Underground Drainage (UGD) network near the second cross of Sunnadakeri Garadi Road, adjacent to Chamaraja Double Road, overflowing due to recent rains. Picture right shows MCC Abhaya team-3 clearing an uprooted tree on Lalitha Mahal Road yesterday.

Mysuru, May 20 (MK&BS)- The rain disrupted normal life in the city last night, what with the water logged roads, uprooted trees and damage to vehicles, presenting a sorry state of affairs, with the only relief being zero casualty.

Following the intermittent rainfall in the last two days, the moisture in the soil is leading to erosion at places. As a result, a huge Gulmohar tree on Lalitha Mahal Road uprooted in the heavy wind at about 11.30 pm and fell on a moving two-wheeler. The rider had a providential escape, as he jumped, leaving behind the bike.

As the tree fell in the middle of the road, the traffic was disrupted for sometime, inconveniencing the vehicle riders.

The personnel attached to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Abhaya team-3 — Nagendra, Praveen and Deepak — cleared the tree, facilitating the resumption of traffic.

On Sunday too, when the city witnessed rains throughout the night till pre-dawn hours of Monday, the roads were partially submerged, with the potholes and low lying areas turning into a deluge, with the accumulation of heavy water.

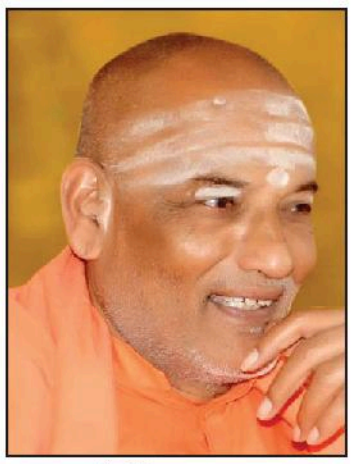
The worst hit were the inter-district travellers and tourists, mainly those from Bengaluru and the night shift employees of some private firms that remain open on Sunday too, who had to brave odds to reach their destinations.

A tree came crashing down in Kuvempunagar, damaging a car, while the similar incidents of tree fall were reported from other localities like — Srirampura, Bannimantap, HUDCO Layout, Jayanagar and Gun House surroundings. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Control Room, that was flooded with complaints, passed on the information to Abhaya teams, thus taking up the relief works on a fast pace.

A manhole connected to Underground Drainage (UGD) network near the second cross of Sunnadakeri Garadi Road, adjacent to Chamaraja Double Road overflowed, emanating stench much to the inconvenience of shopkeepers, pedestrians and others. As the vehicles passed by on the sewage water, the people caught unawares had to face the unsavoury experience, with the water splashing on them.

Following the heavy downpour, the rain water entered the UGD line, causing the overflow of water from the manhole, it is said, demanding a permanent solution, with the Chamaraja double road witnessing a huge traffic density throughout the day.

Senior Salur Mutt Pontiff Sri Guruswamy no more



Sri Guruswamy

Chamarajanagar, May 20 (SS&BCT)- A deep sense of sorrow has gripped the devotees of Salur Brihanmutt in Chamarajanagar following the passing of senior pontiff Sri Guruswamy this morning at the age of 70.

The revered spiritual leader had been battling age-related health issues and was resting at the Mutt located in Male Mahadeshwara Hills, Hanur taluk.

A guiding light to many, Sri Guruswamy was widely respected for his wisdom and tireless contributions to the spiritual and social upliftment of the region. His teachings and selfless service have left a lasting impact on his followers and the wider community. The last rites will be performed today at 5.30 pm at Salur Mutt.

In August 2020, M. Nagendra was named successor to the Peetha of Salur Mutt and was formally anointed by Sri Guruswamy. He was given Deeksha and rechristened as Sri Shantamallikarjuna Swamiji.

Sri Guruswamy's life and legacy

Born on Aug. 2, 1956, in G.K. Hosuru village, Sri Guruswamy was initiated into spiritual life at 15 by Sri Pattada Mahadeva Swami and became head of Salur Brihanmutt on Jan. 29, 1995.

Rooted in the spiritual legacy of Male Mahadeshwara Hills, he upheld the philosophy that the Swami gives meaning to the Mutt. Deeply inspired by Jagajyoti Basavanna, he led the Mutt with humility and purpose.

He travelled across 77 hills and tribal villages, performing rituals, guiding devotees and embodying selfless service. His legacy includes a high school and hostel in Ponnachi, another initiative in Kempanapalya, an old-age home near Hanur and Sanskrit schools for rural children. Daily Dasoha and temple festivals flourished under his guidance.

Known for visiting poor families and offering personal support, he never wavered in his commitment to dharma. Even while leading major religious events, he remained grounded in compassion, simplicity and service.

Preaching equality and humanism beyond caste and creed, Sri Guruswamy's life reflected spiritual integrity and sacrifice.

Guided by the ideal "May the world smile, while I carry its burden," he is remembered as a true ascetic whose legacy endures in the hearts of countless devotees.

Traffic hit for six hours as truck topples on Chamarajanagar-Sathyamangala Road

Chamarajanagar, May 20 (KS)- Traffic on Chamarajanagar-Sathyamangala Road came to a standstill with hundreds of vehicles stranded for over six hours as a truck toppled on the road in the forest area at about 6.30 pm yesterday. The truck was finally cleared from the road at about 1.30 am today.

A truck carrying goods toppled on the road about two kilometres from Punajanur Check-Post yesterday evening. Meanwhile, the wheels of another goods vehicle which tried to pass the fallen vehicle got stuck in wet soil resulting in hundreds of vehicles on both sides of the road getting stranded.

Meanwhile, vehicles coming from Chamarajanagar towards Sathyamangala were stopped by the Karnataka Police at Punajanur Check-Post while vehicles coming from Sathyamanga towards Chamarajanagar, passed Hasanur but got stranded in the middle of the forest. As Karnataka Police stopped vehicles at Punajanur Check-Post, vehicles had lined up for more than three kilometres.

A truck toppled on Chamarajanagar-Sathyamangala Road yesterday and wheels of another goods vehicle, which tried to pass the fallen vehicle, stuck in wet soil.

While some vehicles took diversion and passed via Kolipalya and Talavadi to reach Sathyamangala, many vehicles were stranded in the middle of the forest area.

Even as Karnataka Police stopped vehicles at Punajanur Check-Post, Police personnel at Bannari Check-Post failed to take any action and did not stop vehicles coming from Sathyamangala side resulting in vehicles lining up for more than 18 kilometres that too in the middle of the forest.

Wild elephants move on this road and tigers move around in Dimbam Ghat. The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has installed warning boards asking drivers and passengers not to get down from their vehicles.

A passenger, who was stuck in the middle of the forest area, told *Star of Mysore* that he was travelling from Coimbatore to Mysuru and his bus is stuck in the dark forest since four hours and also explained the plight of other passengers who could not get down from the bus even to attend nature's call.

Finally at about 1.30 am today, Chamarajanagar Police, Revenue Department officials and the Forest Department officials, in a joint effort, summoned two cranes to the spot and got the toppled truck cleared from the road and also pulled another goods vehicle which was stuck in wet soil and made way for smooth flow of traffic much to the relief of those who were stranded in the middle of the forest for more than six hours.

Season for Gulmohar to bloom and swathe city roads in red

BLOOMING TIME: ***Once upon a time, most of the roads across Mysuru was lined with stunning Gulmohar flowering trees, admired for its vibrant eye-catching red blossoms adding a touch of beauty to our roads and landscape. But nowadays they are seen only on a few Roads in city. Gulmohar trees are in full bloom during April-May, when they burst into a riot of fiery red colours — red, orange or scarlet petals that resemble flames, hence its nickname, the Flame Tree. The above pictures of Gulmohar trees in full bloom were clicked by a morning walker in Manasagangothri campus and e-mailed to*** *Star of Mysore*.

Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge attend Mega Congress Convention at Hospet

'Samarpane Sankalpa Samavesha' marks 2nd anniversary of State Government

Hospet, May 20- All roads led to Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar District Stadium in Hospet city, the Headquarters of Vijayanagar District in Kalyana Karnataka region this morning as the city hosted 'Samarpane Sankalpa Samavesha,' a convention to mark the second anniversary of Congress Government in the State.

The Congress had assumed power on May 20, 2023 after trouncing the BJP in the May, 2023 Assembly elections.

The Convention formally began with Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda welcoming the gathering, amidst cloudy weather. Though it was expected that the convention may be hit by rains, it was not so, as Hospet witnessed only a mild drizzle for sometime this morning. However, the city is predicted to experience thunder showers later in the day.

Opposition Leader in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and State Congress In-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala were present.

Earlier, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, who arrived at Jindal Airport near Hospet, from New Delhi this noon, were received by CM Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D.K.Shivakumar and a host of other Ministers.

The stage is set for the distribution of 1,11,111 Kandaya Grama Hakkupatra (Revenue Registration Deeds) families on the occasion. The Congress has organised the convention as a show of strength of its dedication of two years of service and rededication for greater service to the people.

BJP mocks celebration

On the other hand, the Opposition BJP has mocked the ruling Congress over the convention, questioning its very purpose at a time when the State Capital and several other parts of Karnataka are flooded due to heavy rains over the past couple of days.

Lashing out at the Government's failure to prepare the State Capital for rains that the India Meteorological Department had forecast well in advance, BJP Chief Spokesperson Ashwath Narayan Gowda Gowda said 'Brand Bengaluru is now being transformed into Greater Bengaluru, but it has turned into submerging Bengaluru. By forming three or more City Corporations, the Congress seems to be making Greater Bengaluru into 'Quarter Bengaluru,' he added in a sarcastic note.

Chain-snatchers arrested

Rs. 17 lakh worth gold chains recovered

Mysuru, May 20 (RK&KS)- Laskhar Police have arrested three chain-snatchers including two women and have recovered four gold chains weighing 170 grams and worth Rs. 17 lakh from them. Those arrested are Sangeetha and Nagaraju from Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu and Jaya of Malur in Kolar district.

On May 17, a gold chain of one Bhagyamma of Hirisave was snatched at Sub-Urban Bus Stand and a case was registered at Lashkar Police Station. Inspector Prasad, who conducted an operation, was successful in nabbing the three accused.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have revealed that they had also snatched gold chains from passengers at City Bus Stand. Based on the information provided by the accused, Police recovered four gold chains worth Rs. 17 lakh from them.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Rajendra guided Lashkar Inspector Prasad, Sub-Inspector Radha, ASI Suresh and staff Ravikumar, Manjunath, Abdul Rehaman, Chowdappa, Kumar and Ashwini in the nabbing operation.

MCC's eco-friendly biogas cremation plan hits hurdle

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, the MCC official concerned said, "Residents have complained that they live in a thickly populated area at Manchegowdanakoppal and the biogas plant will lead to unbearable stench. We tried convincing the residents that biogas emits far fewer pollutants than wood or fossil fuels, contributing to cleaner air and lower environmental impact. Despite the efforts of Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, the residents remained unconvinced."

He added, "The Manchegowdanakoppal plant will now be shifted to the Sewage Farm at Vidyaranyapuram, where large volumes of wet waste are already processed. There, the biogas will be used to generate power, not for cremations."

The biogas plant at Manchegowdanakoppal had the potential to power streetlights within the graveyard, capable of illuminating 14 to 18 lamps daily — an initiative that could have saved the MCC up to Rs. 26,000 per month in electricity costs.

Harishchandra Ghat facility

Regarding the Harishchandra Ghat facility, the official confirmed that gas production has already begun from solid and organic waste. "The cremation process using biogas will begin within a month," he said.

The biogas plant installed at Harishchandra Ghat, foot of Chamundi Hill.

Currently, the MCC relies on commercial LPG cylinders for cremations — an expensive affair. The introduction of the biogas plant is expected to drastically reduce this expenditure.

Harishchandra Ghat handles dozens of cremations every day. The burning of bodies using firewood or LPG has long caused thick smoke and strong odours, disturbing nearby residents who have been urging authorities to adopt cleaner solutions for decades.

"With the new facility, MCC can convert one tonne of organic waste into 40 to 50 cubic metres of biogas. Processing two tonnes per day can yield up to 100 cubic metres of gas, equivalent to 55 kg to 60 kg of LPG. This will significantly bring down cremation costs," he said.

Operational in phases

It is now operational in phases, starting with 250 kg, then 500 kg, and eventually one tonne of organic waste. This waste will be converted into biogas, which will be stored in tanks for further use. The biogas produced will be utilised specifically for cremation purposes.

The conversion of wet waste into usable biogas takes about 45 days. The generated gas can be directly used in cremation furnaces, reducing both reliance on fossil fuels and harmful emissions. Officials have also pointed out that biogas is a far more cost-effective and sustainable alternative to commercial LPG.

With the Harishchandra Ghat biogas plant operational, the emission of smoke and pollutants is expected to significantly decrease, creating a cleaner environment for crematorium users and surrounding communities alike.

DC calls for swift flood response

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Authorities have been asked to prioritise villages in the Kabini region that suffered severe damage last year. T. Narasipur taluk has been flagged as particularly vulnerable to flooding, and officials have been directed to prepare evacuation plans and set up relief centres in advance.

With an increased risk of electric pole collapses during the rains, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) officials have been urged to stay vigilant and ensure immediate restoration of power supply in case of disruptions.

Flood-prone taluks such as H.D. Kote, Saragur, Nanjangud, and T. Narasipur are expected to face significant challenges. Officials have been asked to take pre-emptive steps to reduce the impact. In case of loss of life due to flooding, compensation must be provided to affected families within 24 hours. Tahsildars were directed.

The DC also highlighted the risk of bridges submerging in parts of H.D. Kote and Saragur taluks. To ensure a swift response, heavy earth movers, machinery and other equipment must be kept ready for emergency operations.

Any dry or overhanging trees that pose danger must be reported to the Forest Department, with photographic documentation maintained to ensure timely removal.

With the rains increasing the risk of disease outbreaks such as dengue and chikungunya, Health Department officials have been instructed to raise public awareness and initiate preventive measures to curb infections.

The meeting was attended by Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer S. Yukesh Kumar, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Sheikh Tanveer Asif, DCP M. Muthuraju, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju, and other officials.

IMD issues Statewide alerts

Mysuru, May 20 (BCT)- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for Kodagu on Tuesday, May 20, warning of intense rainfall and possible disruptions.

An orange alert has also been issued for nine districts for May 20 — Belagavi, Bagalkot, Dharwad, Shivamogga, Uttara Kannada, Haveri, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru and Dakshina Kannada — predicting heavy to very heavy rain, accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds. A yellow alert remains in effect for other districts, including Bengaluru.

The IMD has further issued a red alert for Belagavi, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru and Dakshina Kannada on May 21, forecasting extremely heavy rainfall exceeding 204.5 mm in 24 hours.

The downpour may trigger flooding, landslides, service disruptions, and evacuations in vulnerable areas. An orange alert has been issued for Hassan, Haveri, Kodagu and Dharwad, while the rest of the State, including Bengaluru, remains under a yellow alert.

Student falls from balcony, dies

Mysuru, May 20 (RK&KS)- A student died after falling from the second floor balcony of her flat in an apartment building near Highway Circle on New Sayyaji Rao Road in the wee hours of Sunday.

The deceased girl is Anika Ilayi (20), a final year B.Com student at a private college in city. It is suspected that the girl may have slipped on the wet surface of the balcony and fell down resulting in her death.

Anika's parents saw her studying at about 1 am and then went to sleep. The incident is said to have taken place between 1 am and 2 am. Though Anika was rushed to K.R. Hospital immediately, the doctors declared her dead.

Mandi Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

House burgled, jewels stolen

Mysuru, May 20 (KS)- Burglars have decamped with cash and gold jewellery worth lakhs of rupees from a house.

The burglary took place at the house of Madappa on Marigudi Street at Chikkahalli village.

On May 16, Madappa and his wife Mangalamma left for Mantralaya and upon returning on May 18, they found the front door of the house forcibly opened. On entering the house, they found the clothes kept in the wardrobe in the bedroom ransacked and gold ornaments worth Rs. 3 lakh and Rs. 4.80 lakh cash missing.

It is said that before going to Mantralaya, they had kept the keys of the wardrobe under the bed and the burglars who somehow found the keys, opened the wardrobe and made away with gold ornaments and cash kept in it.

Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case, have suspected insider's hand behind the burglary.

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Date: 19/05/2025, Place: Mysuru

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Notice is hereby issued to the general public that **Sri. PUTTAIAH S/o. Late. Kalaiah,** residing at; Harijana Road, Mandakalli, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk-571311, along with his family members have agreed to sell the SCHEDULE PROPERTY to my client, representing that they are the absolute owners of the same. Any person/s asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim or any interest whatsoever on the SCHEDULE PROPERTY or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same in writing to the undersigned, along with documentary evidence, within **Seven (07)** days from the date of this Public Notice, failing which the transaction with respect of the SCHEDULE PROPERTY will be completed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with respect of the SCHEDULE PROPERTY. Any claims received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

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All the piece and parcel of the Agricultural Wet land bearing **Survey Number 103/1, measuring One Acre (1.00.00.00)** situated at Marashe Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the; East By : Sy. No. 103/2, West By: Sy. No. 104, North By: Sy. No. 102, South By: Neeru Hariyuva Halla.

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Pramoda Devi donates giant silver lamps to Tirumala Temple

Tirumala (Andhra Pradesh), May 20 (Agencies)- Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, member of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, has donated two giant silver lamps (Akhandams) to the Lord Venkateswara Temple in Tirumala. These traditional lamps, known as Akhandams, are kept perpetually lit inside the sanctum sanctorum.

She was accompanied by royal scion Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who is also the MP from Mysuru-Kodagu. The temple, dedicated to Lord Venkateswara — an incarnation of Lord Vishnu — is one of India's most visited pilgrimage sites, drawing millions of devotees annually.

The Akhandams were formally handed over at the Ranganayakula Mandapam in the presence of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman B.R. Nadiu and Additional Executive Officer Venkaiah Chowdary.

Speaking to the media outside the temple, Pramoda Devi said the donation continued a 300-year-old tradition initiated by the Mysore Maharajas.

"Around 300 years ago, the then Maharaja of Mysore donated traditional lamps that continue to be lit inside the sanctum sanctorum. Continuing this legacy, we have donated two large silver perpetual lamps, each weighing 50 kilograms. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of my illustrious predecessors," she said.

Auditions for English play

Mysuru, May 20- Auditions and Interaction Session will be held for English-speaking School and College Amateur Actors for an English play at University College of Fine Arts (UCFA), Manasagangothri, today and tomorrow at 2.30 pm.

Rajeev Srivastava 'Ashish,' a seasoned director, actor, trainer, writer and theatre-in education expert from University of Delhi, will be the director (Mob: 98100-39697); Local co-ordinators are Nataraj, faculty of UCFA (90081-34992) and A.K. Monnappa, retd. IAS Officer (94481-28199).

Basic Emergency Care and Life Support course

Mysuru, May 20- Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD), a unit of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, will be conducting the Basic Emergency Care and Life Support (BCLS) course on May 24, in collaboration with JeevaRaksha Trust, a special purpose vehicle created by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) and University of Utah, USA, to roll out 'Certified Skill Courses' in BCLS equipping public safety professionals with necessary skills so as to transform the Emergency Care response system and thus save lives. For details, visit: ***jeevaraksha.org***

Oriental Research Institute receives Vedapeetha Award

Mysuru, May 20- The Oriental Research Institute (ORI), an affiliated institution of the University of Mysore, has been conferred with the prestigious Vedapeetha Award for the year 2025, in recognition of its outstanding contributions to oriental studies and research.

The award was presented by Sri Bhandarikeri Matha, Udupi, at a ceremony held on May 9, 2025, in Belagavi. ORI Director Dr. D.P. Madhusudhanacharya received the award on behalf of the institute. The honour includes a citation and a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh.

In a gesture of institutional pride and acknowledgement, Dr. Madhusudhanacharya handed over the award to the University of Mysore at the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

The brief ceremony was attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Registrar M.K. Savitha and Deputy Director of ORI C. Parvathi, along with scholars and staff members of the institute.

The award is considered one of the highest recognitions for institutions involved in the preservation and advancement of traditional Indian knowledge systems, marking a significant milestone in ORI's academic legacy.

Bhoomi Puja performed for Rajagopura of Gokulam Srikrishna Temple

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Managing Trustee, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works, performed Bhoomi Puja for the construction of Rajagopura for Srikrishna Temple in Gokulam yesterday along with Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aditya Hospital, former Corporator SBM Manju, Srikrishna Seva Samiti Trust and Srikrishna Gana Sabha President B.S. Sridhar Raj Urs, Secretary Bharathi Urs, Treasurer Ranjani Kaushik, Trustee Balaji, Anitha Balaji and Contractor M.R. Mahesh. Priest Apremaya conducted the puja rituals.

Mothers' Day by Bharatiya Jain Sangathan

Mysuru, May 20 (KS) - Bharatiya Jain Sangathan (BJS) Mysore, celebrated Mothers' Day in city recently.

Mysore Ladies Wing Chairperson Sharmila Dhoka gave a brief introduction on mother and said, "There is no power in front of the power of a mother. *Matrutva* has the power of *Shakti* and *Bhakti* as Matha Marudevi, who gave birth to our first Thirthankar, enlightened Jainism."

Secretary Deepak Bohra, who also spoke said, "When you are surrounded with the blessings of a mother, the world is with you. The word 'maa' itself means the whole world to you, not only your kid is protected but the whole world has her blessings." A special discussion on being a mother was held on the occasion.

Project Director Seema Bohra proposed the vote of thanks. BJS Mysore Treasurer Manohar Sankala, Navratan Pitalita, Santosh Salecha, Anchal Deysariya and Anitha Gadhiya were present.

Rising star Padmapriya eyes global tennis glory

Of late, this young tennis prodigy from Mysuru has been making headlines with her impressive performances in both national and international tournaments. At just 14 years old, **Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar** has displayed immense potential to become one of the country's top tennis players — a dream she is actively chasing. Currently ranked No. 6 in the Under-14 category in India, Padmapriya recently clinched the Singles title at the U-14 National Series Tournament and finished as the runner-up in Doubles.

She also emerged victorious in both Singles and Doubles at the Asian U-14 and Junior Ranking Tennis Tournament 2025 held at Malancha Niwas, Agartala, and at the Under-14 Asian Tennis Championship held in Bahrain. Additionally, Padmapriya was selected to represent India at the 'ATF U-12 Team Competition 2024' organised by the Asian Tennis Federation at the National Training Centre, Beelie Arena, Shymkent, Kazakhstan.

Daughter of Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Conservator of Forests (Project Tiger), Mysuru and Dr. Malathi Priya, Conservator of Forests (Mysuru Circle), Padmapriya trains under coach Raghuveer Ponnuswamy in Mysuru. She is a student of Class 8 at Excel Public School.

Star of Mysore caught up with the talented young tennis player while she was preparing for her upcoming National Series tournament in Hyderabad. Excerpts…

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): When did you start playing tennis?

Padmapriya: I started playing tennis when I was around six years old in Ballari at the Police Gymkhana. Initially, I had joined badminton classes, but I wasn't happy with the coaching.

Later, I took up tennis as an extracurricular activity and started enjoying it because the coach was really good. After a few months, I noticed a lot of improvement and that's when I began playing professional tennis.

SOM: As a young tennis player, do you draw inspiration from any of the players?

Padmapriya: Of course! I draw a lot of inspiration from Aryna Sabalenka, who is currently ranked No. 1 in women's tennis and from Novak Djokovic, who has won 24 Grand Slam titles.

SOM: How do you manage your daily routine?

Padmapriya: I make sure to keep my routine simple. From 6 am to 7.30 am, I focus on fitness — either at the gym or on the track, depending on the day. My tennis practice is from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm at the Raghuveer Tennis Academy, located in the Maharaja's College premises.

SOM: Majority of the tournaments you play are on synthetic courts. How difficult or easy is it to adapt when you practice on clay courts?

Padmapriya: Fortunately, I adapt quickly to synthetic courts. I find it more comfortable to play on synthetic surfaces compared to clay. Synthetic courts offer better movement, whereas clay courts can be slippery and increase the risk of injury.

SOM: What do you aspire to become once you grow up?

Padmapriya: Ever since I started playing tennis professionally, I've always dreamt of becoming one of the greatest players in the sport. Currently, I'm competing in junior-level tournaments, but my goal is to start playing more International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournaments soon and break into the top 20 rankings in the world.

SOM: Do you follow a special diet to stay fit and be tournament-ready?

Padmapriya: Actually, I haven't started a strict diet plan yet. For now, I follow a regular diet that includes chicken and eggs, which are rich in protein. I also have a specially prepared powder made from a mix of various nuts and dry fruits.

SOM: Do you prefer playing Singles or Doubles?

Padmapriya: I've always prioritised Singles tournaments. Of course, I also play Doubles, but my main focus is on Singles.

SOM: You've been performing exceptionally well in recent tournaments. How does that feel?

Padmapriya: It feels really good! Over the past month, my game has improved significantly. Travelling and participating in tournaments both in India and abroad have given me great exposure, and that has helped me a lot. It's been an amazing experience and I'm very happy with my recent performances.

SOM: How do you manage both studies and tennis?

Padmapriya: Fortunately, I've been doing well in my studies. When I miss school due to tournaments, my friends share notes with me so I can catch up. I also carry my textbooks and notebooks on tours and study during free time. My school and our Principal, K.G. Mathew, have been very supportive. My parents are my biggest strength — they even help me with my studies, especially during exams.

SOM: Thank you and all the best!

Padmapriya: Thank you so much, sir ▪

Padmapriya with her parents Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar and Dr. Malathi Priya.

WORD OF THE DAY

Mercurial

Pronunciation: mer-KYUR-ee-ul (adjective).
Meaning: Mercurial is usually used to describe someone whose mood changes quickly and unpredictably. It can also describe something that changes frequently, such as weather, or something that is lively and quick, such as someone's wit.
Origin: The Roman god Mercury was the messenger and herald of the gods and also the god of merchants and thieves (his counterpart in Greek mythology is Hermes). His swiftness inspired Romans to give his name to what they correctly assessed as the fastest-moving planet in the solar system. Mercury's speed also apparently made the name apt for English speakers wishing to describe those whose moods travel quickly between extremes, a meaning mercurial has had since mid-17th century. The adjective mercurial comes from the Latin mercurialis, meaning "of or relating to Mercury."
Example: "'The Guiding Light' was the only radio soap to transition to TV. [Irna] Phillips introduced the 'cliffhanger' storytelling device and the mercurial female vixen character who still lives on the small screen today. Think reality TV or a Shonda Rhimes drama." — Natalie Y. Moore, The Chicago Sun-Times, 3 Apr. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Madarosis

Loss of eyelashes or eyebrows.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Mum's the Word

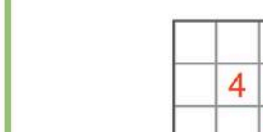
Meaning: The phrase 'Mum's the Word' is used when you mean to keep quiet or say nothing.
Origin: The 'mum' in the expression 'Mum's the Word' is derived from the humming sound a closed mouth makes, indicating an inability or unwillingness to speak. The word 'mum' was first used by William Langland in his 1376 work Piers Plowman, and the expression itself became popular in the 16th century. You'll find it in Shakespeare's Henry VI, Part 2: "Seal up your lips and give no words but mum."
Example: "Please don't tell Mom what I'm getting her for her birthday." Answer: "Mum's the word!"

QUOTE BOX

The world is mud-luscious and puddle-wonderful. **—E.E. Cummings**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer :Loan shark.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Make better
5 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
8 Wings or winglike parts
12 Paris airport
13 Fancy that (in a manner of speaking)! (4,4)
15 Defer action; delay
17 Grenoble river
18 Similar or related to
19 "Take On Me" group (1-2)
21 World-weariness
24 The age you find in the younger generation
27 Imperils
30 An opening made forcibly as by pulling apart
31 Make good
32 Satellite Data Unit
33 Hopeful competitors
35 Drink by sips or spoonfuls
36 Appears to be?
37 International Standard Atmosphere
39 Female friend from France?
41 `Irene' turned into a boy?
45 Get the wrong idea
49 The ____: Iron Man, Hulk & co
50 Apple's portable music player
51 Grant or transfer?
52 Louse egg
53 Counting-out starter

DOWN

1 Red Indian - "I hop" anagram?
2 Goes off the straight and narrow path?
3 Plant with erect spikes of flowers and bitter juice
4 Stretchy synthetic fabric
5 Two for the bard
6 Centre for Energy Studies, acronym
7 Canadian province - "Lata" anagram?
8 Roof over a doorway
9 Thinness
10 Space bar neighbour on the PC keyboard
11 Estimated life expectancy
14 Images or similarities
16 Practising
20 Pilaster - "at an" anagram?
22 Asian language
23 The game __ __ : you are exposed (2,2)
24 Epochs
25 Ascend
26 Mollified or pacified
28 Title role for Big B and SRK
29 Prefix meaning against
34 Resistant (to)
38 ___ Shaw : the famous bandleader?
40 The Biblical Garden
42 The back of your neck
43 Let __ __ : tell? (2,2)
44 Whirlpool
45 PC alternative
46 I have - "vie" anagram
47 Gad's son ?
48 Q-U connectors

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	M	O	S	■	T	H	I	N	■	A	S	E
R	A	F	T	■	Y	A	L	E	■	T	L	C
A	L	F	A	■	P	O	O	H	P	O	O	H
■	A	B	I	D	E	■	■	R	O	M	E	O
M	Y	R	R	H	■	■	R	U	E	■	■	■
O	S	E	■	O	G	R	E	■	M	B	A	S
A	I	A	■	W	O	M	E	N	■	A	V	I
B	A	K	U	■	N	U	K	E	■	S	E	T
■	■	■	R	A	G	■	■	S	E	E	R	S
C	A	S	E	S	■	■	I	T	E	M	S	■
R	O	T	A	T	I	O	N	■	R	E	I	D
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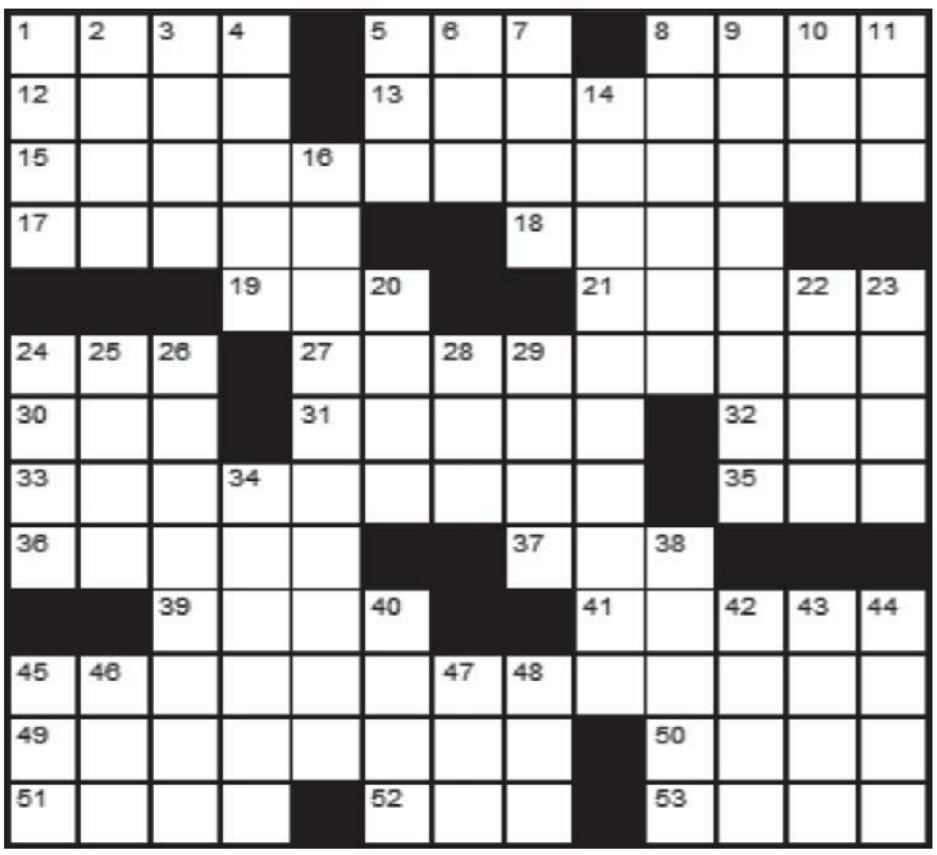

SUDOKU

					9			3
	4				8		1	7
		7	3				2	
6		2		3				5
				1				
4				7		2		8
	5				3	9		
7	6		2				8	
9			4					

Answer to previous puzzle

8	7	3	5	1	4	9	2	6
5	9	6	3	2	8	1	4	7
2	4	1	6	9	7	3	8	5
1	2	9	8	4	5	7	6	3
6	3	8	9	7	1	2	5	4
4	5	7	2	3	6	8	1	9
3	8	2	4	6	9	5	7	1
9	1	4	7	5	2	6	3	8
7	6	5	1	8	3	4	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WSXSNR DTSVO SAN UQTQAR XR ABEBWD G WKUXQT

SH RQGTO. VQ DTSV SAN XR NQOQTYBWD SKT

BNQGAO. RQGTO UGR VTBWIAQ YFQ OIBW, XKY YS

DBEQ KL QWYFKOBGOU VTBWIAQO YFQ OSKA.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Good instincts usually tell you what to do long before your head has figured it out.

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Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	(S-1)	12.50 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	(S-1)	4 pm, 9.55 pm; (S-4) 9.40 am
	(S-4)	1 pm, 4.30 pm, 7, 10.25 pm
Maaman (Ta)	(S-2)	12.55 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Dee (K)	(S-2)	7 pm
Lovely (Ma-3D)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Eleven (Ta)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Tourist Family (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Raid 2 (H)	(S-3)	7 pm

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Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 4.15, 7.30 pm
Maaman (Ta)	:	1.05 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.20 pm
Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)	:	1.20 pm
Eleven (Ta)	:	3.55 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Ta)	:	4.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Thudarum (Ma)	:	7.00 pm

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Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	9 am, 12.35 pm, 2.10 pm 7.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Te)	:	9.50 am, 7.15 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Ta)	:	4.30 pm, 10 pm
Maaman (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Dee (K)	:	10.35 am
Thunderbolts (E)*	:	11.30 am
Shinchan: Our Dinosaur Diary (H)	:	1.35 pm
Yamadonga (Te)	:	3.50 pm
HIT: The Third Case (Te)	:	4.30 pm
Lovely (Ma-3D)	:	4.40 pm
Takila (K)	:	7.25 pm
Tourist Family (Ta)	:	7.40 pm
Hum Tum (H)	:	10.10 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	10.20 pm

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Maaman (Ta)	:	9.25 am, 3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	10 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm 6 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	10.15 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.30 pm, 10 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Te)	:	9.45 pm
Rhythm (K)	:	12.30 pm
Bande Saheb (K)	:	3.30 pm

Chaitra edition of Champaka Kalaa Utsava held in city

Mysuru, May 20- 'Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava,' the monthly cultural flagship event of Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, celebrated the 'Chaitra' edition on Chaitra Bahula Shashthi recently at the Academy premises in Ramakrishnanagar.

The Utsava started with Bharatanatyam performance by disciples of Vidu. Preeti Venkatramu trained ably at her institution Nritya Gangotri School of Dance, Mysuru.

The team of about 10 students performed Pushpanjali, Natesha Kavitvam, Aigiri Nandini, Tillana and more. The neat and attractive presentation of the young artistes captivated the audience.

Next performance was by Vidu. Sindhu Niranjan, Founder of Nritya Vyapini Kala Samsthe in Mysuru and her disciples. The team was complemented by Vidu. N. Sindhu of Sri Samskriti Centre of Performing Arts, Mysuru. Vidu. Sindhu danced with immense energy for the famous Narasimha Kavitvam. The team's presentation of Bhavayami Raghuramam, beautifully portrayed some of the Ramayana sequences with appealing abhinaya by Sindhu Niranjan.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest Dr. K. Ganesh, Principal of Sapient College, spoke about the importance of not allowing the next generation to forget our roots and our culture. He applauded the thought behind Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava and the sustained efforts of artistes.

All participants were acknowledged with an appreciation certificate at the end of the event.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 20)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2025 saree exhibition, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Home Guards, Mysuru:** Inauguration of basic training camp for Home Guards, ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju chief guest, DDPI S.T. Javaregowda and Dy.SP (DAR) H.V. Veeranna special invitees, Mysuru District Home Guards Hon. Commandant Dr. M. Kantharaju presides, DAR Community Hall, Jyothinagar, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Srinivasa Swamy Temple, Tilak Nagar:** Sri Srinivasa Swamy Annual Celebrations, Shayanotsava, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 21)

- **National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru:** Inauguration of ALPHA Innovation and Tinkerers' Lab by Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves, Professor Emeritus and Founding Director, IIT Mandi and Shailendra Katyal, Vice-President and Managing Director, Lenovo India, NIE North Campus, **9.30 am.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2025 saree exhibition, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

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Maaman (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 1.15 pm 6.50 pm 10 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	9:45 am, 11.50 am, 12.50 pm 3.20 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 7.20 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Te)	:	4.30 pm, 10.10 pm
HIT: The Third Case (K)	:	1.15 pm
Mandya (2006) (K)	:	4.25 pm

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Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	9.30 am, 2.10 pm 7.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	9.55 am, 12 noon, 3.30 pm 7 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Devil's Double Next Level (Te)	:	1.25 pm
Maaman (Ta)	:	11 am, 4.40 pm, 6.50 pm
Takila (K)	:	1.30 pm
Raid 2 (H)	:	4.15 pm
Bande Saheb (K)	:	4.20 pm

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